



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

March 2018

Principal's Message

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As we move into March, I can see definite signs that Spring is in the works. The mountains of snow occupying valuable real estate in the parking lots are receding. Our new Physical Education course in Healthy Living and Outdoor activities (part of our SHSM program in the Environment) certainly benefitted from the late blast of winter in February. Under the guidance of Mr. Hunter and Mr. White, students in the program were out in the snow in the area each day; snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, learning wilderness survival, constructing Quinzees and team-building. Of course, there will be lots of great outdoor learning to come as the spring weather arrives.

Early Diagnostic reports will be coming home on the 21st of March and will provide a glimpse into your son/daughters progress thus far, in semester two. Parent-teacher interviews take place at the school on March 28th and are a great opportunity to meet and speak with your child's teachers. I encourage you to come out for this event. Information about on-line booking for parent-teacher interviews will be forthcoming. Watch the school website for details.

In preparation for the upcoming OSSLT (April 10th), our literacy preparation program is underway. After school literacy sessions are running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in room 216. All students in grade 10-12 that have to complete their literacy requirement will write the OSSLT at the school on April 10th. Information for eligible writers has been sent home and updates will be communicated as we get closer to the date. Check the school website for current information.

I would like to thank our school council for their work in bringing in Dr. Su Buchanan, the second of three speakers in our Teen Mental Health Speaker Series, on February 8th. Though the weather on the night

This Month

- March 1 - MADD Canada Presentation P4**
- March 7 - Coffee House 7:00-9:00pm**
- March 8 - Reconciliation Gr 11 & 12**
- March 11-17 Italy Switzerland Trip**
- March 12-16 - March Break**
- March 21 - Report Cards issued**
- March 21- Parent Teacher Interviews sign ups open**
- March 22 - Reconciliation Gr 9 & 10**
- March 23 - THINKfast**
- March 27 - Compass Survey**
- March 28 - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-8:30pm**
- March 29- Stations of the Cross**

was terrible, we had a good crowd of parents on hand to hear Dr. Buchanan's thoughts on helping our teens to manage stress. The third and final speaker in the series is Nicholas Axas, team Leader in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Urgent Consult Clinic with Kingston Health Sciences Centre. Nicholas will be speaking about his work on the front lines in Teen Mental Health on May 10th at 7 in the Lecture theatre. Thanks to our school council for spearheading this excellent initiative this year.

In March, we have several school teams moving on to competition at OFSSA—members of the Swim Team, Wrestling Team, Boys' Hockey, Boys' Basketball and Girls' Hockey will be venturing out to compete at the provincial level. Best of luck to our student athletes and thanks, as always to our staff coaches and community helpers.

Finally, as the March break will soon be upon us, I wish each of you and your families a safe and restful holiday and a return to school invigorated for the balance of semester two.

Michael Faught



PASTORAL NEWS

LENT began on February 14th with the celebration of our **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** and the distribution of ashes, which serve as a reminder of our human weaknesses and ongoing need for God. On **Thursday, March 8th** and after the March Break on **Thursday, March 22** we will celebrate our **Grade Level Reconciliations** with Fr. Tim Shea and Fr. Sebastian Amato and several local priests who will be here to speak with students and staff and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CICS' Executive is busy organizing this year's **ShareLent Campaign** which begins on March 1 and ends on March 29. Classes will fundraise over the coming weeks in support of the **Catholic Organization for Dev't & Peace**. Students from CICS participated in a Dev't & Peace Leadership Training Workshop in Belleville on February 28. They will be helping to plan our annual 25-hour **Thinkfast** on **Friday, March 23rd**. See me to sign up and to get a Pledge Sheet and Permission Form.

God's blessings on all our students and staff as we begin the month of **March** and continue our efforts during Lent to give generously through acts of charity and justice.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader

Crusader Sports

"Congratulations to Lucas Rollins for competing in OFSAA Swimming for the third year in a row. Lucas participated at OFSAA in Windsor on February 27th."



The Cheerleaders will compete at March Madness at the KRock Centre, Saturday March 3, 2018



Looking Forward to April

Apr 2 - Easter Monday
Apr 4- Spring Cabaret 7-9:30 pm
Apr 11 - Catholic School Council Mtg
6-9pm
Apr 13 - P A Day
Apr 17 - Grad Assembly 10-11am
Apr 24 - Challenge Retreat Rideau
Acres Youth Alpha
Apr 24 - Racing with Autism Gr 9 & 10
8:45-9:45 am
Apr 27 - Mid Semester Reports issued

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca
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In advance of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), the literacy team at Holy Cross will be providing a number of preparatory materials for use by those students that will be writing the test. These materials will be available via a D2L course available on the Virtual Commons for all students that are writing the test, or by clicking the link below:

<https://alcdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home/8705296>

The OSSLT takes place this year on April 10, 2018. More information about the test will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the website:
www.hctoday.ca

Free math tutoring now available online

Math students in grades 7 to 10 can now access live, interactive online math help by visiting Homework Help, free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers.

Students can log in from Sunday to Thursday, between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. for individualized confidential math tutoring. There are discussion rooms for each grade where students can join and see what questions other students are asking, watch the tutors draw on the whiteboard – and ask their own question for on-the-spot help.

Students will also find 24/7 discussion rooms, video lessons and commonly asked questions. Other online math resources include math games and a virtual locker, where students can save their work. Homework Help is a project funded by the Ministry of Education





COMPASS

Each year at HC, all students participate in the University of Waterloo, COMPASS survey, which examines health related behaviours including physical activity, healthy eating, tobacco use, alcohol use, marijuana use, sedentary behavior, bullying, school connectedness and academic achievement. This year the study has expanded some of its topic areas, after feedback from participating schools. COMPASS will now include Mental Health measures as well as prescription drug use measures in the student questionnaire, as this has become a serious issue for Canadian youth. The survey takes about 30 minutes and it will take place on **Tuesday, March 27th, at 8:30 a.m.**



MADD®

Grade 11 students will attend a
MADD Canada presentation on
Thursday, March 1st
In the Cafetorium
Period 4



6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 16

At Glen Lawrence Golf and Country Club

2022 Hwy 2 East

Shotgun start/ best ball

\$100.00 per golfer

Proceeds to Sanctuary Refugees Support Project

For more info contact Terry Finn tfinn974@icloud.com



Counsellor's Corner

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2018 - 2019

The course selection process for next year began on Wednesday, February 21. It is critical that all students select their courses by **Friday, March 9th**. Grade 9 and 10 students will be scheduled to attend a course selection workshop during Period 2 and grade 11's and returning grade 12's will attend a workshop during Period 3. All students will access myBlueprint in order to select courses. A verification sheet listing choices will be issued in April.

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

A reminder that university and college applicants who have made course changes recently must check their university/college site to make sure the changes have been made in their OUAC/OCAS file. See your counsellor as soon as possible if the academic info on either the OUAC or OCAS site is incorrect.

Students are encouraged to visit post-secondary campuses during March Break Open Houses.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The [Summer Employment Opportunities \(SEO\)](#) program provides up to 5,000 students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through supervised summer employment in the Ontario Public Service. These positions enable students across the province to gain valuable work experience and develop skills which are transferable to the labour market. One such job opportunity is the Stewardship Youth Ranger position offered by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Visit the website at ontario.ca/SummerStudents

Students are reminded to check the bulletin board for volunteer and job opportunities.

HC Green Team



1. Stop buying bottled water.



3. Use re-usable or real cutlery when eating fast food.

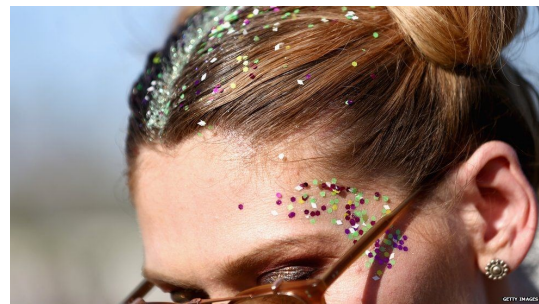


5. Use cloth produce or shopping bags.

Six simple ways to cut back on plastic in your life:



2. Say no to plastic straws.



4. Avoid microbeads and glitter.



6. Buy loose.

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP— 2018



On our last day in Jamaica we enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the staff of St. Margaret's HRC. Ms. Smith, the School Principal, is in the picture at the far right.

Back Home With Hearts Full of Love

The 2018 Holy Cross Mission Team arrived home from Jamaica on Friday, Feb. 23. During their Mission Trip they worked at several projects through St. Patrick's Foundation: St. Margaret's and Riverton City, two schools which serve underprivileged children, and at St. Monica's which is a home for the Abandoned Elderly. They also built a home for a family through Food for the Poor. All of the team experienced the warm sun, but even more importantly, the wonderful love of the Jamaican people during this Mission Trip. A big thank you to all those who supported the Team with their donations and prayers.



NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE APRIL 30, 2018

WHAT IS A STUDENT TRUSTEE?

- The Student Trustee represents all students in the Board (approximately 12,000).
- The position requires the Student Trustee to attend two Committee Meetings and one Board Meeting per month. Most meetings occur at the ALCDSB's office in Napanee. However, special sessions can be held at other locations.
- The Student Trustee sits on ad hoc committees of the Board requiring Trustee representation.
- The Student Trustee is a registered member of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA). This is the network of all Student Trustees in the province, including both Public and Catholic boards. The Student Trustee also belongs to the Catholic Board Council (CBC).
- The Student Trustee meets regularly (approximately three meeting each school year) with the Student Senate, of which he or she is Chair. The Student Senate is made up of Student Council Presidents from each of the Board's five secondary schools. It is the Trustee's responsibility to inform the Council of issues affecting the Board's students, to gather student opinions in order to fulfill the job as their representative and to allow each Student Council to share their events and ideas with one another.

HOW DO I BECOME A STUDENT TRUSTEE?

- Candidates for the position must be a **Catholic Senior Student** attending a secondary school of the ALCDSB, as per Board Policy No. A-2016-09-4.
- The candidates are required to submit personal information (such as school involvement, etc.) and an informal essay outlining their qualifications for the position (not to exceed 2 pages).
- The ALCDSB's Student Trustee is elected by representatives from each of the Student Councils from the Board's five high schools at the meeting noted above (April 30, 2018).
- At The Election, each Candidate is allowed a maximum five minute presentation, followed by a question period.

BY APRIL 23, 2018,
PLEASE SUBMIT TO YOUR
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THE
FOLLOWING:

A Written Submission (Not To Exceed Two Single Sided 8.5" X 11" Pages) Containing Information The Candidate Deems Important To Their Potential Selection.

Candidates Are Chosen By A Selection Process Appropriate To Their School Community (Contact Your Principal For Details).

The Elected Student Trustee
Will Receive:

- Annual Honorarium Of \$2,500;
- Laptop Computer, Printer and Internet Service;
- Board Email Address;
- Administrative Support.

FOR FURTHER INFO:

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Student Trustee Candidate Submission Check List

School Name -- _____

Candidate Name _____

Grade _____

Student is Catholic - confirmed _____

Personal Information and Essay Attached _____

Signed: _____

(Principal)

ARTS DEPT NEWS

The Holy Cross Dance Team will be competing at the STRIVE Dance Challenge on Wed. March 28th! Prior to the competition, these dancers will have a chance to take private classes at the Underground Dance Centre in downtown Toronto with some of the province's best choreographers. The team will dance against high school teams across Ontario in various genres of dance. This year, the team of 15 students will bring 3 group routines and 2 duets. We wish them the best of luck!



On Wednesday, March 7th Holy Cross guitar students will be hosting their Annual Spring Coffee House. Tickets are \$5 at the door and refreshments will be available for purchase as well.

Doors open at 7:00 PM; Come join us in supporting some of our local talent!



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